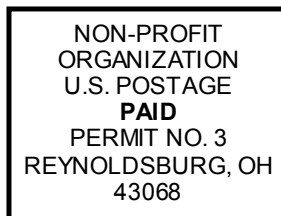




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**emmaus** COMMUNITY

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# EMMAUS NEWSLETTER

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## Questions for a New Year

### Return Service Requested

I visited someone in the hospital recently who was facing some difficult health issues. Their illness had come suddenly and was going to require a lengthy recovery process. Such experiences often cause us to ask questions, not the least of which is "why." Why did this happen to me? Why do I feel so deflated? Why doesn't God do something? They are relevant questions for anyone going through hard times and perhaps the pursuit of an answer draws us closer to One who can provide it.

I have found that asking the right questions can help bring a deeper clarity and purpose to our lives. As we begin a New Year, what questions might you ask which could serve in such a way for you? Permit me to suggest a few.

What? As in, "What will be my personal pursuit of spiritual growth this year?" One of the things we emphasize in the Emmaus Community is to make a plan and work your plan. You may recall that a major part of the service sheet which we use in our share groups asks us to describe the fulfillment of our plan. Will you focus on prayer? Fasting? The study of the Scriptures? Service? What will you do to

make a plan for growth and what will you do to work your plan?

Where? As in, "Where can I best be the hands and feet of Jesus in 2009?" Do you remember the Body of Christ talk given on the Emmaus weekend? This is one of my favorite talks because the speaker always gives relevant and powerful examples of how the Church

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is being the Church. There is usually a personal story of how the Body of Christ has impacted a person's life in a life-giving way. In 2009, where will you be the hands and feet of Jesus? Where will your story be lived out? Where will you allow Jesus to touch someone through you?

Who? As in, "Who will come to know Jesus in the next twelve months through my witness?" We need to be intentional about our faith-sharing. This is born in our prayer life as the Holy Spirit lays upon our heart the names of people whom God longs to reach within our circles of influence. Can you identify at least one person in your neighborhood, your school, your workplace, or your family with whom you

will intentionally and gracefully share the Good News of Jesus? Allow that person to fill your prayer life. Allow the Holy Spirit to open windows of opportunity for you to share your faith. Allow God to use you to help that person move a little closer to Jesus. Who will that be?

I once sat on the front porch of a grandmother whose granddaughter had unexpectedly died. As we sat there in silence rocking in our chairs, she said something that has stuck with me to this day. "You know Pastor Dave," she said, "I used to think I had all the answers. But now I see that I haven't even begun asking the right questions." I think she was on to something. A good question asked from a heart that seeks to know God's will usually leads us to the answers we need.

Stay close to Jesus,

Dave

### 2009 REYNOLDSBURG EMMAUS COMMUNITY WALK CALENDAR

Women's Walk #78	March 12-15
Men's Walk #60	April 16-19
Women's Walk #79	May 14-17
Women's Walk #80	July 23-26
Men's Walk #61	October 8-11
Women's Walk #81	November 12-15

\*Gatherings - the first Tuesday of each month at 7:15pm

(\*April 2009 Gathering will be March 31)

Candlelight - Saturday of each walk at 8:30pm. Meet in the Worship Center

Closing - begins at 4:30pm on the Sunday of each walk. Meet in Kirsch Hall

Note: Children & guests are welcome at gatherings; however, candlelight & closings are for those who have attended The Walk to Emmaus.

Reynoldsburg Emmaus Community Web Site: [www.rumc.org/emmas](http://www.rumc.org/emmas)

### SPONSORSHIP TRAINING CHANGES - Dave Stoffel & Doug Theiss, Sponsorship Co-Chairs

We began Sponsorship Training several years ago to help you as members of the Emmaus community better understand the sponsorship process and to support you in your efforts to bring this amazing experience to as many believers as possible. This training has been very effective in helping to better equip both sponsors and pilgrims to gain the most from their Emmaus experience.

We have been conducting sponsorship training before the Emmaus gathering each month after an Emmaus walk. This has caused some confusion in that training dates are not easily predictable or remembered. Your Emmaus board has decided to move Sponsorship Training to every even month. Therefore, training will be held prior to the Emmaus gatherings in February, April, June, August, October and December.

The training will continue to be offered in the chapel at 6:30 pm prior to the gathering, and will last no longer than 45 minutes. This ensures that you will be finished in time to attend the gathering. Our next training class will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 6:30 pm. If you have not attended training before or need a quick refresher, please join us that evening.

**MEN'S WALK #59 LIVE IN TEAM, JANUARY 22-25, 2009**

NAME	ROLE	TALK
Chip Koch	Spiritual Director	Means of Grace
TBA	Asst. Spiritual Director	Prevenient Grace
Dan Kopp	Asst. Spiritual Director	Justifying Grace
Rich Allen	Asst. Spiritual Director	Obstacles to Grace
David Cady	Asst. Spiritual Director	Sanctifying Grace
Darin Lukich	Lay Director	Perseverance
Lou Kaser	Lay Director in Training	
Rusty Vance	Asst. Lay Director	Life in Piety
Dave Ransom	Asst. Lay Director	Discipleship
Dave Newcomer	Asst. Lay Director	Priority
Phil Gariety	Music Director	
Ed Canter	Asst. Music Director	
Dennis Franko	Technical Director	
Rob Berger	Table Leader	
Dale Lynde	Asst. Table Leader	
Ron Windnagel	Table Leader	Body of Christ
Mike Lee	Asst. Table Leader	
Bill Ulm	Table Leader	Changing Our World
Randy Olshefski	Asst. Table Leader	
Dan Brush	Table Leader	Growth Through Study
Josh McDaniel	Asst. Table Leader	
Gary Fennig	Table Leader	Fourth Day
Adam Christ	Asst. Table Leader	
Jos Ortiz	Table Leader	Christian Action
Kyle Clark	Asst. Table Leader	
Paul Collins	Table Leader	Priesthood of All Believers
Bob Bock	Asst. Table Leader	

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THE WALK TO EMMAUS  
IN REYNOLDSBURG!**

PILGRIM	CHURCH NAME	SPONSOR NAME
Andy Berger	Grace Bretheran Church	Robert Berger
Thomas Lynch	Hopewell UMC	Tina Dietsch
David Wells	Dayspring	Robert Leppanedn
Ted Landers	Summit Station UMC	Rich & Marta Allen
Zane Clegg	Pentecostal	Daniel Clegg
David Gay	Lower Lights Community Nazarene	David Stoffel
Trevor Fruchey	Vineyard Church of Columbus	Doug & Aimee Decker
George Metzka Jr.	Reynoldsburg UMC	Jaime Metzka

*Check Emmaus link for Pilgrim updates:  
[www.rumc.org/emmaus/walks/index.html](http://www.rumc.org/emmaus/walks/index.html)*

**Below is a form to fill out and return only if you must receive a paper copy of the Emmaus Newsletters because you do not have access to a computer or internet.**

**IF THIS FORM IS NOT RETURNED, YOU WILL NO LONGER RECEIVE NEWSLETTERS BY MAIL AFTER THIS ISSUE!**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pilgrim Walk Community: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Mail to: Reynoldsburg Emmaus Mailing List  
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**EMMAUS COMMUNITY SHARE GROUP INFORMATION**

Women's Good Shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ Men's Good Shepherd \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

SHARE GROUP LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

SHARE DAY & TIME \_\_\_\_\_

SHARE PARTNERS \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to accept additional share partners? \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no

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## IMPORTANT NEWS FROM YOUR EMMAUS BOARD

Greetings in Christ, brothers and sisters of the Reynoldsburg Emmaus Community! This space is usually devoted to some message other than the "business" side of Emmaus. This issue, however, will bring to your attention a very important matter about the way the community leadership communicates to you, the members.

A primary responsibility of the Emmaus Board is to oversee the expenditures involved in operating the seven walk weekends each year. In order to maintain good stewardship of the funds God has provided through you, our community members, the Board has been looking closely at operating expenses. As our community has continued to grow (now over 4,400 members – praise God!), the printing, paper, and postage costs have become an increasingly large percentage of yearly expenditures. These costs now amount to approximately one-third of the total annual expenses of the community. Even though pilgrim and team fees were increased effective January 1, 2008, expenses exceeded income for the year. Stewardship also involves more than just financial considerations. The Board is also concerned about the amount of natural resources consumed in printing and distributing more than 21,000 newsletters in the course of each year. As a community, the Board would like us to do our part in conserving the earth's resources.

The Emmaus Board appointed a subcommittee to consider options to address this situation. This subcommittee unanimously agreed that maintaining the status quo of mailing paper newsletters to the entire mailing list is no longer feasible, given the current costs and the information technology that is now commonly available. The committee recommended to the Emmaus Board, and the Board agreed at the November meeting, to discontinue mailing the newsletter to the entire community. Everyone realizes change is never easy. While the board regrets the necessity of this change, good stewardship demands it. Continuing to mail newsletters to such a large number of homes would require another increase in pilgrim and team fees, or mailing newsletters based on a paid-only subscription basis. Neither of these options was acceptable to the Board.

The Board recognizes that not all community members have access to the internet and the electronic mail that has now become so commonplace. In order to continue to communicate with these community members, newsletters will continue to be printed and mailed, but ONLY if specifically requested because a community member has no internet access. The board spends significant dollars each year on return mail and address corrections provided by the post office. With this decision, these costs are being eliminated. **The board will build a new database of mailing addresses of only those who communicate to the Board that they have no computer access.** It will be the responsibility of the community member to provide and keep current the mailing address in order to receive a paper copy of the newsletter. The Board is confident that the deeply mature Christians of our Emmaus Community will understand and support this decision. The increasing costs of postal mail and the improvements in technology make this decision clearly in the best interest of good stewardship. Thank you for your understanding.

All community members can read the newsletter online at <http://rumc.org/emmaus/newsletter>. A database of **submitted** e-mail addresses will be maintained, and an e-mail will be sent to all community members in the database notifying you the newsletter is available online once it is posted prior to each walk. **Therefore, the community is asked to provide a current, accurate, e-mail address. This can easily be done by logging on to the Emmaus link (<http://rumc.org/emmaus/>) and adding your e-mail address to the community utilizing the "sign up for Emmaus e-mails" at the top of the Emmaus homepage.** If you are already receiving e-mail reminders about Gatherings and Walks, there is no need to register your e-mail again.

**Register your e-mail address at the Emmaus home page:**  
**<http://rumc.org/emmaus/>**  
**(enter your e-mail at top right of the home page)**

Walking along the road,



Steve Friece  
Emmaus Board Chair

As all wonderful journeys must, my time as your Women's Good Shepherd comes to an end. To say it has been a pleasure to serve you in this capacity, doesn't express what is in my heart. It has been a blessing, growth experience and (at times) my "Closest To Christ Moments". I have been able to—up close and personally—watch the Holy Spirit work in the lives of our Pilgrims, Live-In Teams and our Emmaus Community. Sometimes it happens in small ways and sometimes in very large ways.

I leave you in very good hands, our Lord's and the capable hands of Courtney Hilbert. She will be your new Women's Good Shepherd for 2009 and 2010. She is a good friend of mine, we worship together on Sundays and we live in neighboring villages. The transition will be seamless because we know each other so well and the communication for us will be easy.

As I think of my new role as a behind-the-scenes worker at future Walks, I look forward to spreading fabric on the Thursday Welcome Buffet food table and making the "Emmaus Down-Home Green Beans". Many of you have asked what makes them so delicious. So—this is my final, official act as your Women's Good Shepherd. Enjoy the following recipe and I'll see you at the next Walk or Gathering.

### Granny's Kentucky "Down Home" Green Beans

Beans	6 1/2 oz. cans of cut green beans Drain 4 of the cans of beans / use juice in 2 of the cans Place in a crock-pot slow cooker
Bacon	1 pound of bacon cut into one-inch pieces Fry bacon pieces to crisp Remove from drippings, set-aside Save ALL of the drippings
Onion	1 medium to large yellow onion Dice and cook in drippings. When onions are translucent, add:
"Down Home" Juice	1/2 C. apple Cider Vinegar 1 C. brown sugar (light or dark) Seasonings to taste (Mrs. Dash or Jane's Crazy Mixed-up or Cavender's Greek Seasoning) I've used all of these and they are all delicious.

Add the "Down Home" mixture to the beans in your crock-pot. Cover and let slow cook for at least 2 hours. (The longer, the more "down home") Just before serving, add bacon pieces to the beans. Enjoy!

### EMMAUS WALKS

How will you be the hands and feet of Christ? Sign-up sheets are displayed in the Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church kitchen and in St. Andrew's Hall on the Gathering evenings or call the board representative. Christ gave His life for you. Will you give you hands and feet for Him?

- 24-hour Prayer Vigil
  - Carry Luggage
  - Bedtime Agape
  - Mealtime Agape
  - Logistics: Set-up, clean, tear down
- Agape Room
  - Kitchen
  - Attend Candlelight
  - Write Pilgrim Agape

Are you persevering in your walk with Christ? Are you utilizing all the tools you learned on your Walk to Emmaus?

- Seek Discipleship Opportunities
  - Serve the Emmaus Community
  - Use the Reunion Group Card
  - Sunday School Attendance
  - Share Group Attendance
  - Daily Morning Devotions
- Bible Study Attendance
  - Daily Morning Prayer
  - Study the Scriptures
  - Serve Your Church
  - Worship Attendance
  - Daily Meditation

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**NOTE: The normal Gathering date of the first Tuesday of the months in April falls during Holy Week. Since so many of our community will be actively serving in their home churches, the April Gathering will be on Tuesday, March 31.**

### GATHERINGS (7:15pm)

January 6  
 February 3  
 March 3  
**March 31 (April Gathering)**  
 May 5  
 June 2  
 July 7  
 August 4  
 September 1  
 October 6  
 November 3  
 December 1

### WALK DATES

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